

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for printhead adjustment, comprising:
an image scanning mechanism to provide positioning data about the position of drops of ink ejected onto media from nozzles of a number of stationary printheads; and
a controller to interpret the positioning data to identify a Y axis offset of at least two ink drops based on calculating a right triangle using the positioning data.
2. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the controller is operable to adjust ink ejection timing of a number of nozzles based upon the determined Y axis offset.
3. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the controller interprets the data to identify the Y axis offset between at least two ink drops ejected from two different of the stationary printheads.
4. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the controller interprets the data to identify a rotational offset of at least two ink drops.
5. (Original) The apparatus of claim 4, wherein the controller interprets the data to identify a rotational offset of at least two ink drops ejected from one of the stationary printheads.
6. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the controller is operable to interpret the data to identify the positioning of the ink drops with respect to a print media advancement direction.

7. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 6, wherein the print media advancement direction is calculated based upon the position of a reference line parallel to the print media advancement direction.
8. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the controller is operable to determine a rotational offset of at least two ink drops with respect to a reference line parallel to the print media advancement direction and adjust ink ejection timing of a number of nozzles based upon the rotational offset.
9. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the apparatus has at least two stationary printheads having a nozzle overlap zone, and wherein the controller is operable to adjust ink ejection of a number of the nozzles based upon an X axis offset to reduce redundant ink drop ejection within the nozzle overlap zone.
10. (Currently Amended) An image forming system, comprising:
 - at least two printheads each having a number of nozzles thereon,
 - wherein the printheads are configured in a staggered, stationary array for forming an image on print media;
 - a scanning mechanism for scanning ink placement pattern information; and
 - a controller to interpret the ink placement pattern information to identify X and Y axis offsets of at least two printheads by calculating a right triangle based upon the ink placement pattern information.
11. (Original) The image forming system of claim 10, wherein the controller is operable to determine a rotational offset relative to a reference line.
12. (Currently Amended) The image forming system of claim 11, wherein the reference line ~~represents~~ is parallel to a print media advancement direction.
13. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for printing, comprising:

an image scanning mechanism to provide positioning data about positioning of a number of nozzles of at least two stationary, staggered printheads; and

means for determining X and Y axis offsets of the printheads based on the positioning data, where the X and Y axis offsets are selected from the group including: X and Y offsets of the two printheads relative to each other, and X and Y offsets of the two printheads relative to a single reference line that is parallel to a media advancement direction.

14. (Original) The apparatus of claim 13, wherein the means for determining X and Y axis offsets includes determining a number of reference points and determining a positional difference between at least two of the number of reference points.

15. (Original) The apparatus of claim 14, further including means for adjusting at least one printhead based on the positional difference.

16. (Original) The apparatus of claim 15, wherein means for adjusting includes adjusting an ink ejection time of at least one nozzle.

17. (Original) The apparatus of claim 13, further includes means for determining a rotational offset of at least one printhead.

18. (Currently Amended) A method for ink pattern adjustment, comprising:
identifying a position for two points on print media printed by a stationary, staggered printhead array;

calculating a right triangle with each of the two points at an endpoint of an hypotenuse of the right triangle;

defining two reference points based upon the position of one of the two points and a vertex of a right angle of the right triangle;

measuring a positional difference between the two reference points; and
adjusting printhead ink ejection according to the positional difference.

19. (Original) The method of claim 18, wherein the two points on print media printed by the stationary, staggered printhead array include points at the center of two ink pattern lines.

20. (Original) The method of claim 18, wherein the two points in the stationary, staggered printhead array include endpoints of at least one ink pattern line.

21. (Original) The method of claim 18, wherein the two reference points include points on a reference line such that an imaginary line drawn from a reference point to a point printed by the stationary, staggered printhead array forms a right angle.

22. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 18, wherein two ink pattern lines each have an overlapping endpoint and wherein the two reference points include one overlapping endpoint and an intersecting point, that is positioned at ~~a right angle intersection of~~ the vertex of the right angle of the right triangle constructed from imaginary lines drawn from each overlapping endpoint.

23. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 18, wherein the two points in the stationary, staggered printhead array include points at the center of two printheads and wherein the two reference points include one center point and an intersecting point, that is positioned at ~~a right angle intersection of~~ the vertex of the right angle of the right triangle constructed from imaginary lines drawn from each center point.

24. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium having a set of executable instructions for causing a device to perform a method, comprising:
identifying a position for two points on print media printed by a stationary, staggered printhead array;
calculating a right triangle with each of the two points at an endpoint of an hypotenuse of the right triangle;
defining two reference points based upon the position of one of the two points and a vertex of a right angle of the right triangle;

measuring a positional difference between the two reference points; and
adjusting printhead ink ejection according to the positional difference.

25. (Original) The computer readable medium of claim 24, the method wherein
adjusting printhead ink ejection includes adjusting during a print job.

26. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium having a set of executable
instructions for causing a device to perform a method, comprising:

ejecting an ink drop from two or more nozzles in a nozzle column of at least two
staggered, stationary printheads to print an ink placement pattern on a print media;

repeatedly ejecting ink from a nozzle while advancing the print media to print a
single reference line that is parallel to a print media advancement direction;

scanning an image of the ink placement pattern and the reference line;

calculating a rotational offset for the ink placement pattern relative to the
reference line; and

adjusting nozzle ink ejection timing based on the rotational offset relative to the
reference line.